

Remarks

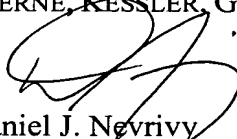
Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-17 are pending with claim 1 being the independent claim. Claims 1-17 are sought to be amended. Support for claim 1 may be found, *inter alia*, at pages 2-4 of the English language translation of the specification. Claims 2-17 have been amended to correct informalities in the claims and to remove nested multiple dependencies. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicant believes the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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